(ग) महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने मिल मालिकों पर चावल की प्रत्येक किस्म के मामले में 30 प्रतिशत की एक-समान लेवी लगाने के उद्देश्य से 30 जुलाई, 1990 को महाराष्ट्र चावल (चावल मिल मालिकों पर लेवी) आदेश, 1989 में संशोधन कर दिया और खरीफ विपणन मौसम 1990-91 के दौरान लेवी को सख्ती के साथ लागू करना सुनिश्चित किया ।

Cells on major accident hazard

3613. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Major Accident Hazard Division has been set up in the Central Labour Institute, Bombay, and the Regional Labour Institutes have set up cells on the Major Accident Hazard;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that in Orissa alone there are 36 identified hazard prone factories and more chemical factories are coming up;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the existing Industrial Hygiene Laboratory attached to the Factory Directorate is ill-equipped and is working with skeleton staff;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to (i) establish a multi-purpose disciplinary organisation within the outfit of factory Directorate; and (ii) establish a full fledged/expand the Industrial Hygiene Laboratory by providing sophisticated and modern equipment to identify, monitor and control the presence of toxic gases in the atmosphere with branch at the industrially concentrated areas of Rourkela, Angul and Rayagada; and

(e) if answer to part (d) above be in the negative whether Government would consider the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) A Major Accident Hazards Control Advisory Division has been set up in the Central Labour Institute, Bombay with cells at the three Regional Labour Institutes located at Calcutta, Kanpur and Madras.

(b) The Government of Orissa have informed that there are 40 hazardous factories in Orissa at present.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Proposal to construct over-bridge near Ghatkopar Railway Station, Bombay

3614. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to construct a new Road-Over Bridge next to the existing Road-Over Bridge. South of Ghatkopar, Railway Station in Bombay;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay, have in their 1990-91 Budget made provision for construction of this Bridge jointly with the Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when this Bridge is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is understood that the Bombay Municipal Corporation has provided funds for the work, which will be taken up by the Railway on deposit terms.

(c) and (d) The proposal is for construction of a new road over-bridge towards the Kalyan end of the existing road overbridge. The Bombay Municipal Corporation has not yet approved the plans for the work furnished by the Railway.

New Suburban Railway Station on Bombay Western Railway

3615. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for a New Suburban Railway Station on the Bombay Western Railway Suburban Net-work in between Jogeshwari and Goregaon; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) There has been a demand for a new station between Jogeshwari and Goregaon stations. This has been examined, but not found justified.

Survey of Railway Line between Panvel Khopoli, Bombay

3616. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many years ago, a survey was carried out to have a Railway Link between Panvel-Khopoli and Karjat around Bombay;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government consider this as an important link; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) A Survey was carried out for a rail link between Kurla and Karjat via Panvel in 1951 but the construction was not approved.

(c) and (d) A new survey for a rail link between Panvel and Karjat (32 km) has since been approved at a cost of Rs. 3.00 lakhs.

Legislation for Providing Job Reservation for Handicapped and Mentally Retarded Persons

3617. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has recently made an announcement for bringing in requisite legislation to ensure reservation of jobs for the handicapped and for welfare of the physically handicapped and mentally retarded;

(b) if so, what would be the broad parameters of the proposed legislation; and

(c) by when it is expected to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, please.

(b) and (c) A Bill for enactment of legislation on Rights and Welfare of the Handicapped is likely to be introduced very soon in Parliament. The broad parameters are under consideration.

Proposal for converting Muzaffarpur-Narkatia and Pahleza Pipradih Jadunathpur/Bhavnathpur MG into BG

3618. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert the Muzaffarpur-Narkatia and Pahleza Pipradih Jadunathpur Bhavnathpur meter gauges into broad gauges in Bihar;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to convert these lines into broad gauge; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) A survey has recently been conducted for conversion of Muzaffarpur-Narkatiaganj M.G. section to B.G. Bihar Government has entrusted survey for gauge conversion of Pahleza-Pipradih N.G. to B.G. and its extension to Jadunathpur and Bhavnathpur to RITES. Due to constraint of resources, it is difficult to state, at this stage, as to when the above projects would be approved.

Setting up of a Wagon Factory in Bihar

3619. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish a wagon factory in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the site was changed from Bihar to Punjab thereby doing injustice to the Industrially backward State of Bihar; and

(c) whether Government propose to do away with this injustice and establish a wagon factory in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.